FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. NL 020527 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED U.S. Application No. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/IB03/02299 May 27, 2003 June 19, 2002 TITLE OF INVENTION **AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD** APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Pabio VIGNOLI; Tatiana LASHINA Applicant(s) herewith submit to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(fi)) at any time rather than delay 3. [] examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 4. [] 5. [X] copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) a. [] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. [X] has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. [] A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) 7. [X] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). a. [] b. [] have been transmitted by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. [X] have not been made and will not be made. 8. [] A translation of the amendment to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). 9. [X] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. [] A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet is compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 12. [X] 13. [X] A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. [] A substitute specification. 15. [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. [X] Other items or information: Power of Attorney to Prosecute Application Before the USPTO [PTO/SB/80] Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) [PTO/SB/96] Authorization Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(3) and to Charge Deposit Account

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